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## PVRS Committee Establishes Rates, Policies on School Use



Dr. Edmond S. Meany, who has recently been appointed permanent Headmaster of The Northfield School for Girls. He taught history at Mount Hermon from 1946 to 1957.

## Dr. E. S. Meany Named Headmaster

The appointment of Dr. Edmond S. Meany, Jr., as headmaster of Northfield School for Girls, was announced on Monday by Dr. Howard L. Rubendall, president of the Northfield schools. This appointment, effective Monday, was the unanimous decision of the board of trustees at the winter meeting in New York on Jan. 24.

Dr. Meany, who was appointed acting headmaster in July to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Miss Barbara M. Clough as headmistress, was formerly head of the history department and college counselor at Mount Hermon school.

A native of Seattle, Dr. Meany was graduated from the University of Washington and did graduate work at Harvard, which granted him the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees. Before coming to Mount Hermon in 1946 he served as a research fellow with the Brookings Institution, as assistant archivist with the National Archives and head of the history department at the Hill school. He was a World War II lieutenant-commander in the United States navy.

Dr. and Mrs. Meany and their two daughters will live on the Northfield campus.

## Fortnightly Observes D. L. Moody Birthday

The Fortnightly will meet Friday afternoon of this week at the Alexander hall at 3 o'clock. A program entitled "Moody Memories" will be presented in observance of Dwight L. Moody's birthday on Wednesday, Feb. 5. Roy R. Hatch will speak about Moody. Mrs. Edward M. Powell will give interesting items about her grandfather, many heretofore unpublished. Irving J. Lawrence, accompanying himself on his little organ, will sing some of the favorite Moody hymns.

Mrs. L. Lorimer Drury will tell a story about Mr. Moody.

Anyone having mementoes or articles owned or used by Moody is invited to bring them to be displayed in charge of Robert L. Wood.

There will be a coffee hour at 2 p.m. preceding the meeting.

Hostesses will be Mrs. Ralph Sargent, chairman, Mrs. Dana Leavis, Mrs. Fred Smith and Mrs. Philip Mann, Sr.

At the meeting of the Pioneer Valley regional school committee last week various rates and policies were established regarding use of the school building.

Rate for use of the gym was set at \$15 for events by outside organizations and \$2.50 for practice sessions by such groups. The same rate was set for auditorium use and rehearsals.

For use of the cafeteria, the board set \$5, in addition to \$5 for cafeteria supervision by a regular staff member, and \$5 if food is prepared in the cafeteria.

All applications for use of these areas must be made to the superintendent's office on forms prepared for the purpose.

At school affairs, dances, etc., no shoes that will mark the floor will be allowed, which includes heel and toe plates; boys must wear dress shirts and ties or buttoned sport shirts. No dungarees or shorts will be allowed and girls may not wear slacks. No one will be permitted to leave the building except to go home.

A group of student teachers from the University of Massachusetts will observe classes on Wednesdays for the next seven weeks and assist the teacher with full-time duty the following seven weeks. Two will be assigned to the social studies department and one each to the mathematics department and the homemaking department.

Mrs. Anne Wilcox, William H. Hawley and Norman Durkee were appointed as a library committee to study possible library furniture and equipment.

It was also voted to schedule six additional school days to make up time lost in late opening. These will be three days in the February vacation, 24th, 25th and 26th; Good Friday, April 4, and Thursday and Friday of the April vacation, the 24th and 25th.

If further days are lost because of snow, ice or weather, school will be in session the following Saturday.

## Dr. A. W. Purvis Of UM to Speak At PTA Meeting

The Parent-Teacher association will meet Monday evening, Feb. 11, at the Alexander hall. Following the business meeting Dr. Albert W. Purvis, dean of the school of education at the University of Massachusetts, will speak. His subject, "The Financial Support of the Schools," and it will be concerning the problem in town and state support of town and regional schools. There will be a question period during which there will be an interesting consideration of problems. Refreshments will be served by third grade mothers with Mrs. Ansel B. True as chairman.

## Valentine Observance

The Northfield Grange will meet on Tuesday evening, Feb. 11, at 8 o'clock for a neighbors' night meeting with the Granges from Northampton, Shelburne, Montague and Bernardston invited. The program will be an observance of Valentine's day. The feast committee members are Beryl and Leonard Holloway and Ona and Richard Carey.



Groundhog or woodchuck, this little fellow cheerfully nibbles a cracker not caring whether the sun shines or not on Candlemas Day.

## PV Union Teachers' Assn. Votes To Establish Scholarship for 1958

The Pioneer Valley Union Teachers' association at the meeting last week voted to establish a \$175 scholarship to be given to a graduate of the Pioneer Valley regional school, class of 1958. Appointed by the president, Hugh Hayden, to the scholarship committee are Principal George M. Leonard, Assistant Principal Robert C. Upham and Miss Evelyn Lawley of the PVRS faculty.

Preliminary plans were made for a public supper to be given by the association in April to benefit the scholarship fund. Appointed to the supper committee were Paul Seamans, chairman, F. Sumner Turner, George M. Leonard, Robert C. Upham, Mrs. Eugene Hammond and John Callahan.

The next meeting will be a supper meeting directed by the Bernardston teachers. Arrangements for the annual banquet in May will be made by the Gill teachers.

Robert C. Upham reported on pending legislation relating to schools.

Following the business meeting, a dramatization, "The Verdict Is Yours," was presented by members of the PVRS faculty. Directed by Miss Evelyn Lawley parts were taken as follows: sheriff, George Leonard; John Q. Public, Eugene Gancarz; Miss Jane Doe, Mrs. Ruth Young; judge, John Trumbull; prosecuting attorney, Robert Upham; defense attorney, John Callahan; PTA president, Mrs. Eugene Hammond; foreman of the jury, Mrs. Mark Aldrich.

Miss Evelyn Lawley presented the code of ethics of the National Education association and discussion of special cases were read by Mrs. Samuel Yeager, Mrs. Mary Sullivan and Miss Lawley.

All enjoyed a social hour and refreshments.

## Gfld. Grange Plans Public Whist Party

Guiding Star Grange of Greenfield is sponsoring a public whist party at the Grange hall on Saturday evening, Feb. 8, at 8 p.m. The affair is in charge of the home and community service committee and the entire proceeds will go to the polio fund. There will be prizes and refreshments.

## Junk License Is Disapproved at Meeting

The local board of selectmen on Saturday reached the decision to disapprove the granting of a Class 3 junk license to Camerota and Lavinski of Springfield to do business on the Murray property in South Vernon.

Petitions signed by 170 citizens were presented to the selectmen at the hearing held Thursday evening asking that a Class 3 junk license requested by Angelo Camerota and Joseph Lavinski of Springfield be granted. The hearing was conducted by Wallace Stange, chairman of the board of selectmen.

A Springfield attorney represented the applicants and stated that this second petition differed from the first in that they ask only for an entrance onto Route 142 and that all business and junk would be east of the "knoll" out of sight from the main highway. A Greenfield attorney spoke on behalf of the Murray estate. Among those speaking in favor of granting the license were Alfred Holton, Priscilla Colton Carroll, Frank W. Williams and Ernest Murray, reasons being added tax income to the town, the need and probability of a junk yard anyway, the continuance of an established business and employment for at least three full time workers.

Mr. Camerota stated that he intends to move his family here and make his home in this town and would improve the premises and conduct a decent and respectable business, mainly to demolish cars and store and sell usable parts.

There were many of the residents of that section of Northfield who spoke against the granting of the license, among them the Gerald Barnes family, Rev. Arthur Green, Valentine Plotzyk and the owners of property in that area. Permission was granted to several who were residents of Vermont to speak.

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## Sunny or Cloudy Winter To Linger Six More Weeks

By Gertrude Churchill Whitney

The "groundhog" (woodchuck to us) has had his day and say about the weather, until another February rolls around. We suppose that there is no other animal that has had a day dedicated to him and that no other lowly animal, certainly, has been the subject of so much publicity and speculation. It is the day when the humorist fills his column with tributes to "groundhog" weather intelligence and has even been known to track him to his burrow in a tiny town in Pennsylvania, where "the sun always shines on Candlemas day." Yes, we were reminded this year that the woodchuck's day was really a religious feast-day. Probably all our Northfield farmers were so busy getting their chores done last Sunday morning that they had no time to peek under the barn for Johnny Chuck's foot-prints, for, with the sun shining so brightly at 20° F., he would have quickly scooted back into his labyrinth, lest he freeze his whiskers. (Someone made the sensible remark that we always have six more weeks of winter, whether "Candlemas Day be bright and fair," or otherwise.)

We have been pursuing the woodchuck under several names in our dictionaries, large and small. He is spoken of as "an American rodent with coarse fur," a marmot (European Alps species), or groundhog, which Webster must have considered veraculous, for he doesn't even mention him as such. He is cousin to rats and mice, rabbits, squirrels and gophers, all "nibbling or gnawing animals." His most distinguished cousin is the beaver, esteemed for his pelt, which the woodchuck is not.

We consider the woodchuck a much maligned animal, for although he got the cream of our luscious crop of golden crop one year, we did not begrudge him his meals. He knows right well that the New England farmers are laying for him, whether with gun, trap or smoke. He has to be awfully smart to even continue his precarious existence and when he smells smoke pouring into one entrance to his burrow, he simply gives the warning and ma and the kids speedadd'e out the back-door. That's why Dame Nature provided him with that prominent Roman nose, the better to smell with.

They are generally regarded as fat, clumsy creatures, but you should see how the little ones scamper when alerted!

Whoever heard of a "groundhog" here in New England, until it got so much annual publicity in the newspapers and we found they were talking about our woodchuck? Come to think of it, how did he get that name? It must be that some farmer was so exasperated with him that he "chucked" a stick of wood at him from the handy woodpile and the name stuck. When you consider his rapacious appetite, you'll have to admit that Johnny Chuck is quite a "hog," after all.

Believe it or not, woodchucks make good, docile pets, too, according to one man in Greenfield who had one for a household pet for a number of years.

Well, most of us good Northfield folks went to church on Candlemas day and what a time the woodchuck families would have had, running around in the snow and rooting for parsnips, if they hadn't been so all-fired scared of their shadows!



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## Church Notes

### TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister

Mrs. F. H. Mosse, Director of Christian Education

Irving J. Lawrence, Choir Director

Mrs. Belle Marden, Organist

9:45 a.m., Church School.

11 a.m., Public Worship. Sermon subject, "Hiding Behind or Living Beyond the Golden Rule?" Both the senior and youth choirs will sing.

Pre-school age children attended for the entire hour of worship. Beginning with the second hymn, children of grades 1-4 supervised by students from the Northfield School for Girls.

6:30 p.m., Pilgrim Fellowship of Young People meeting in the vestry. Richard Leach will lead devotions. Heidi Hutton and Betsey Edwards, senior students at the Northfield School for Girls, will speak and show colored slides on their last summer's trips to Greece and Germany.

Two Women's Guild meetings on Wednesday at 8 o'clock. Group II will meet at the parsonage. The Rev. Robert Sandercock will be the speaker. Group V will meet at the home of Mrs. David Hammond. Mrs. Robert Schouler will be the speaker.

The Young People of the Pilgrim Fellowship will have a food sale at the office of Roy Fish on Saturday, Feb. 15. That evening they will have a Valentine party in the church vestry for themselves and invited guests.

The February meeting of the Brotherhood has been postponed to Tuesday, Feb. 18. The speaker will be Paul W. Bittner of the First National Bank and Trust company, Greenfield.

### NORTHFIELD UNITARIAN CHURCH

Charles D. Moore, Minister

Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed, Organist and Choir Director

Ray A. Knapp, Church School Superintendent

February 8, Saturday, church school will have a family Valentine party beginning at 6 p.m. A light supper will be served. There will be games and a Valentine box in which all may place valentines which they bring for their friends.

Sunday, 9:45, worship service. Sermon subject, "Man Made Barriers."

7 p.m., Youth group.

Thursday, 2:30 p.m., Afternoon Alliance. Mrs. Oler Doolittle will

speak on "Botany of the Bible," and Mrs. Gertrude Whitney will read from Browning's "Saul."

### ST. PATRICK'S Catholic

Rev. Henry McKeon, Pastor

Rev. Anthony Rzas, Curate

9:45, Sunday school.

10:30, Sunday morning mass.

Feb. 12, 8 p.m., St. Patrick's Guild at the church hall. The entertainment will be a hostess jewelry party. This fashion show director will give information about the proper selection, care and use of jewelry.

### NORTHFIELD BAPTIST

Rev. Paul L. Bubar, Pastor

Samuel A. Bishop, Organist

Mrs. Richard Nepp, Assistant Organist

Mrs. Ralph Perry, Pianist

Sunday, 8:15 a.m., worship

WHA1.

10 a.m.—Sunday school. Mrs. William Messer, superintendent.

11 a.m.—Morning worship with sermon.

Nursery and junior church at same hour.

6:30 p.m.—Young People.

7, pre-evening service prayer.

7:30, evening evangelistic hour.

Tuesday, 7 p.m., Bible study.

Thursday evening, "Hour of Power" at 7:30.

### COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

Rev. Richard Griffin, Pastor

Miss Hazel Joy Marcy, Organist

Laurence Marcy, Sunday School Superintendent

Feb. 8, family night potluck supper at 6:30 p.m., followed by the showing of the film, "Regions Beyond."

Sunday, 10:30-11:30, a.m., Sunday school.

11:30-12:30 p.m., worship service.

Missionary Sunday.

6:15 p.m., Young Peoples.

7:30, Evening service.

Monday, 7:30 p.m., cottage prayer meeting.

Friday, 3:30, Sing and Bring club.

Friday, 7:30 p.m., prayer and Bible study.

Saturday, 10:05-10:30 a.m., Sing and Bring club on WHA1.

### ADVENT CHRISTIAN SOUTH VERNON

Rev. Everett Moore, Pastor

Mrs. Stella Powell, Organist

Mrs. Harold Parsons, Sunday School Superintendent

10:30 a.m., Morning Worship.

Sermon subject, "Man on God's Doorstep."

10:30 a.m.—Junior Worship.

11:45—Sunday School.

6:30—Loyal Workers.

7:30—Evening service with Bi-

## Kiwanis Approves Fluoridation Idea

Dr. Carlton M. Woods, president of the Franklin County Dental association, local dentist, spoke to the Kiwanis club Monday evening on "The Latest in Fluoridation." He said that the overwhelming evidence proves that the process is practical and worthwhile. The executive board later voted to approve Dr. Wood's plan to promote fluoridation. The public and business affairs committee of which Ross L. Spencer, Jr., is chairman, will cooperate with other local organizations interested in promoting fluoridation. This Northfield club is the first such group in this county to approve this project.

The club also made plans for the visit here on April 12 of H. Park Arnold, international president of Kiwanis.

F. Sumner Turner was appointed chairman of the committee to welcome the distinguished visitor and named as committee chairmen were: Hamilton Cregar, dinner; George M. Leonard, program; Albert W. Stompe, ladies; Corys Heselton, tickets; Paul Mayberry, publicity; Edward M. Powell, Jr., gifts.

On next Monday members will meet at the Scout house at 6:15 to take Boy Scouts to the Pioneer Valley regional school for supper to observe Charter night. This will be the first time these two groups have met together. The boys will be returned to their homes after the meeting.

## Food Freezin' Course

The Franklin County Extension Service will have three meetings next week for those who have freezers and are interested in getting the maximum use from them with methods for freezing prepared foods.

Tuesday, Feb. 11, at the Shelburne Grange hall, 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 12, at the North parish hall in Greenfield, 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 13, at the First Methodist church in Orange, 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Folks who attend will have an opportunity to sample foods that have been prepared and frozen and questions will be answered. Bring your freezing problems to one of these meetings.

ble study in the Book of Amos.

Monday evening the State Line Fellowship will be hosts to the Good Neighbors at a supper at 6:30 at the Northfield Unitarian church dining room.

At the program which will be at the Advent Christian church Theresa Brumgardt, head of the recreation department of the state of Vermont, will be the guest speaker.

Wednesday evening, cottage prayer meeting at the home of Mrs. Scherlin.

Thursday, 7:45 p.m., prayer meeting.

Saturday the boys will play the North Leverett church team at the Leverett school about 3 p.m.

## Young People Plan Winter-Weekend

The young people of the Northfield Baptist church are presenting their annual winter week-end this Friday through Saturday afternoon, Feb. 7-9. It will be open to all high schoolers from grade seven up through college age.

The activities of the week-end will begin with registration at the church by 4 p.m. this Friday. The program will include tobogganing, skating, skiing, basketball, Christian films and some of the special guests will be "The Musical Bragadons," a couple who spent some fourteen years in night-club entertainment before professing Christ and entering Christian work. Also, the "Gospel Heralds," a girls' trio from the Providence-Barrington Bible college, will be singing and acting as counsellors.

Each person planning to attend should bring suitable clothing and his own bedding. (Everything else will be provided for the registration price of \$6.50.) Meals will be served in the dining room of the town hall. Winter sports will be centered at "Pine Top."

## Obituary

### Mrs. Ruth O. Billings

Mrs. Ruth Osgood Billings, age 72, wife of Roger W. Billings of Northfield Farms, died unexpectedly at her home on Friday morning.

She was born on August 22, 1885 in Northfield, the daughter of Warren and Irena (Comings) Osgood and had resided here all her life. She was a former member of the Ladies' Benevolent society.

Surviving besides her husband are two sons, Warren M. and Glenn C. of Northfield; a daughter, Mrs. Bernice R. Underwood of Greenfield; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. A son, Malcolm, died in 1945.

Funeral services were held Monday at 3 o'clock at her late home with Charles D. Moore, minister of the Northfield Unitarian church, officiating. Burial was at the Northfield Farms cemetery.

### Auguste Kirrmann

Word has reached here of the death in Strasbourg, France, on Jan. 6 of Auguste Kirrmann, 84, uncle of Dr. Ernest M. Kirrmann of the faculty of Northfield School for Girls. A former deputy mayor of Strasbourg, Mr. Kirrmann was for 35 years a director and the manager of the Rhine-Moselle & Alsatia Insurance companies. Before becoming deputy mayor, Mr. Kirrmann traveled extensively in the United States as foreign representative of Ungemach & Co., an

## G. S. Raise Funds By Cookie Sale

The local Girl Scouts are busy taking orders for their annual sale of Girl Scout cookies, now through Feb. 15. This cookie sale has a two-fold benefit. Five cents from each box of cookies will remain in the troop treasury and a certain per cent above the cost of the cookies is retained by the Franklin County Girl Scout council which is partly supported by the United Fund.

The troops use their treasury money for trips and general expenses and the council supports programs for the troops, and supports and maintains the Girl Scout camp.

If no one calls at your home during this period (before Feb. 15) and you wish to order cookies you may call Mrs. Bradford Newcomb who is in charge of this sale, Mrs. Marshall Lanphear, Girl Scout leader, or any member of the Girl Scout committee, leader or Girl Scout.

Cookies will be delivered during Girl Scout week, March 8-15.

Alsation food processing company. As deputy mayor for more than twelve years, he became acting mayor during the period 1917-1919 until the first post-war election under French law could be held.

The deceased was a friend of Albert Schweitzer, the internationally known missionary doctor who established a famous hospital in Lambarene, French Equatorial Africa. As a boy Dr. Kirrmann met Schweitzer in his uncle's home and later collaborated with him on Dr. Schweitzer's only American trip in an English translation of one of Schweitzer's books.

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## Social and Personal News Notes of the Northfield Area

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The Schaffler library recently received three gifts of magazines, among them Ford Times from Ross Spencer, class of 1914.

In the Simmons room of the Schaffler library at Mt. Hermon there will be an exhibit in the month of February of the painting of William Rineer, teacher and football coach.

Mrs. Wynne Keever left Wednesday to stay with her daughter's children at Vergennes, Vt., while her son-in-law and daughter went on a ski trip.

Tuesday, Feb. 4, Gordon Loos of The Ridge sang with a large group in Carnegie hall with Eugene Ormandy conducting the Philadelphia orchestra.

Monday evening the selectmen went over articles for the March 4th town meeting with the town counsel, Raymond M. Trudel, and the finance committee.

Founder's day was observed on Thursday at Mt. Hermon. The founder, D. L. Moody, was born on Feb. 5, 121 years ago. From 10 o'clock on in the morning there were hockey games, wrestling and basketball. The afternoon program began at 2 o'clock with a ski meet and jump between Hermon and Deerfield at "The Jump" on the Bernardston road. In hockey and basketball Hermon met Wiliston. The snow sculpture contest judging was at 3 p.m. Dinner was served at 6:15 when the snow sculpture awards were made and the one-timed fork ceremony conducted.

Franklin County Northfield club will observe Founder's day on Saturday, Feb. 8, at Mr. Moody's home, The Homestead, in East Northfield. Mrs. W. R. Moody will be hostess at a dessert party and at the meeting which follows. The following girls will speak on their rural work: Carolyn Haffner, Hel-

di Hutton, Judy Johnston, Charlotte Foote and Linda Bastian. Miss Susan Roberts of the faculty will accompany the girls. There will be one other speaker who will give her memoirs of days spent with D. L. Moody. "Playing drop the handkerchief on the front lawn with him" will be among the stories of Mrs. Herbert Newell of Hinsdale, formerly Stella Davis of Davis Mt., sister of Leon Davis.

Many men and women have devoted the best years of their lives to the Northfield schools. Among them is Andrew R. Gray of Myrtle street, East Northfield, who retired Feb. 1 after 49 years of service. He will continue, as needed, on a part time basis. Mr. Gray was born in Glasgow. He came to this country and started work here on May 8, 1909. He has worked with Alonzo Newton, Albert Moody, Lester Polhemus, George Carr and W. W. Sander-son. The current school body as well as all the graduates who return and ask for "Andy" will miss him. Andrew had two sisters, Mary and Agnes, who came over from Scotland before he did. Mary married Fred Woodward and they live in Florida. Agnes, who died, was married to Emil Tanski, an employee of the Northfield schools as an engineer. Andrew Gray has three daughters, Mrs. Katharine Brown of Millers Falls, Mrs. Christine Kasandi, head nurse at Brattleboro Memorial hospital, and Mrs. Margaret Lombard of Northfield. There are five granddaughters and one grandson.

On Wednesday evening Northfield chapter, O.E.S., will celebrate its 55th anniversary in the Masonic hall. Wilma C. Kerr of Nashua, N. H., will show slides of Honolulu.

Richard Maynard, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Maynard of Winchester road, East Northfield, has qualified as an Eagle Scout before a special investigating committee.

As a convenience to the speaker, Paul W. Bittner, of the First National Bank and Trust company of Greenfield, the meeting of the Brotherhood will be postponed until Tuesday, Feb. 18, at the Congregational church.

Vantines of Boston will take the pictures of homeroom classes and organized clubs at PVRs.

Mrs. Nancy Pratt Allen, as a

member of the Foursome for the carnival queen's court in Greenfield, has been taking part in all the four-day festivities.

At the Civic council meeting last Wednesday evening the following subjects were discussed: non-partisan citizen caucus and PVRs budget.

### All Reactions Favorable to Meany's Appointment

No principal of the Northfield School for Girls started his official work with more enthusiastic backing than does Edmond J. Meany, Jr. First, the trustees at their January meeting in New York City voted for him unanimously. Next when Dr. Toward L. Rubendall made the announcement in the girls' assembly Feb. 3, he could scarcely finish his speech before there was thunderous applause. One girl said, "We almost shook the stones out of Stone hall and our hands were red from clapping when we went to 'Milk Break' afterwards." Lastly, the town got the news in afternoon newspapers and rejoiced wholeheartedly in the addition of such fine friends and neighbors as Ned and Dorothy Meany. Dr. Meany's father was a pioneer in the educational field in the far west, and was head of the history department of the University of Washington for many years. The large auditorium at the University of Washington is named for him. His hobby was mountain-climbing and from 1908 until the time of his death in the 1930s was president of a Seattle club of mountain climbers.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry McDonald and their four children, Margaret, Billy, Eileen and David, started their trip back to Dharan, Saudi Arabia, this morning. They will stay with the family of Mr. McDonald's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bart Sheehan in Long Island City until the Aramco oil plane leaves for the Near East on Wednesday. Mr. McDonald is a government relations official with the oil company. Mrs. McDonald spoke on Arabia sixteen times in Northfield while staying at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Powell, and once in Millers Falls. Their next trip home is due the summer of 1959.

Carroll Jones is the brother of Douglas Jones, art director of the Northfield schools, who has a home on Birnam road, East Northfield. Carroll Jones spent one year in research and then painted the pictures of Russia and the Russian revolution which are appearing in Life currently. Two years ago he did the paintings for the Epic of Man which appeared in Life. He does free lance work and has just signed a contract to do some paintings for the Saturday Evening Post. His family has just moved to Livingston, N. J. Carroll Jones visited his brother here last year. There is a possibility that they may bring the originals of his work on Russia for an informal exhibit for Northfield friends.

Mrs. Frank Britton, long a Northfield resident and now living in Greenfield, is spending a month with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bigelow on Maple street.

Mrs. Constantine George gave an exhibit of her handwork and showed the pupils of grades 3 and 4 of Riverside school in Gill her different kinds of weaving last Tuesday.

Mothers of the Congregational youth choir met at the home of Mrs. Robert Barnes on Tuesday to plan for the making of new maroon choir robes under the direction of Mrs. Winthrop Spencer.

Mrs. Paul D. Moody spent Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Charles Rice, at the Choate school in Wallingford, Conn., and later went to spend the rest of the winter with her sister, Mrs. Harriet Hull Wakeman in Fairfield, Conn. After March she will return to the home of her son-in-law, Justin Emerson, at 9 Washington Place, Troy, N. Y.

William Rineer of the Mt. Hermon faculty was nominated president of the Greenfield Rotary club at the Weldon hotel Wednesday evening.

At the Franklin County hospital on Jan. 29th a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Bourbeau of this town.

The high academic standing of three New Hampshire students at Colby Junior college won for the Northfield School for Girls the certificate of merit presented by Colby to the high school or preparatory school whose graduates achieve the highest combined average for the previous year's work at the college. The students who won this honor for Northfield were Karyll Allyn, Linda McSwiney and Margo Nichols, all of the class of 1956. Dr. Edmond S. Meany, acting principal of the Northfield school, received the award from Eugene M. Austin, president of Colby Junior, at a special ceremony at the college earlier this week.

### Film on "Fall Out" At CD Course

At the Civil Defense first aid meeting held Tuesday evening at the town hall there were 50 members of the class in attendance. The movie, "Facts of Fall Out," was shown by Harold Lord. Anatomy was a subject for instruction by Mrs. Glenn Billings and Mrs. James Goodwin who used a mannikin loaned by the Northfield School for Girls. The instructors wish to express their appreciation for the use of this equipment.

Next week the subject will be the classification of wounds and the movie, "Flash of Darkness," will be shown.

### Practical Nurses May Obtain R. N.

All practical nurses who are desirous of receiving more information about the requirements necessary to obtain a license may call Mrs. James Goodwin, R.N., for information. Mrs. Goodwin attended a one day instruction course in Springfield to receive information to enable her to give this assistance to such persons. Call her as she is very willing to

### Junk License Is Disapproved at Meeting

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Ernest W. Dunklee and Rev. Fred Flewelling, superintendent of the Vernon Home, expressed their views. The arguments of these speakers were the undesirable appearance of a junk yard, the noise and traffic of such a business in that residential area, the possible annoyance of burning waste materials and the decrease of property value of adjacent and nearby real estate.

A "yes" or "no" paper test ballot was taken which resulted in a vote of 44 in favor of granting the license and 36 against that action.

Although the number favoring the license was greater than those opposing it most of the residents of that area were very much against having such a business carried on so near their homes.

### Garden Club Members To See Boston Show

The annual flower show is to be held at the Mechanics building in Boston the week of March 9. The local Garden club has made arrangements for Northfield people to go with the Millers Falls Garden club which has contracted coach busses for the trip on Wednesday, March 12. Those going will leave Millers Falls at 7:30 and leave Boston for home at 5 o'clock reaching here about 8:30 p.m. They will stop for a coffee break on the morning trip and for dinner on the home trip. The charge of \$4.65 includes the price of the admission ticket to the show.

Anyone interested in making the trip with this group may call Mrs. Raymond Parenteau for information or to make a reservation before Feb. 19.

give any instruction or assistance that she can. With the shortage of nurses the future of a licensed practical nurse seems to be a good one.

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## Would I Date Me? Discussed at PF

The Pilgrim Fellowship of the Trinitarian Congregational church met Sunday evening with 43 members present. Jean Sargent led devotions and Mrs. Joseph W. Reeves spoke on "Would I Date Me?" and passed around a mimeographed questionnaire on the subject. A letter of appreciation was received from Edward M. Powell on behalf of the church for the Christian Youth Sunday service conducted by the Pilgrim Fellowship young people Sunday morning.

The roller skating party scheduled for Feb. 5 was postponed until March 5.

Next Sunday evening the guest speakers will be Miss Heidi Hutton who spent the summer in Greece and Miss Betsy Edwards who spent the summer in Germany. Both are students from the Northfield School for Girls.

Picked up at Smith college: ... G. C. W. (where we learned a lot of doggerel and limericks galore, in addition to formal knowledge, way back in the Nineties.)

### PRETTY CHILLY

Little Johnny had a mirror and he licked the back all off. Thinking rashly, in his folly, it would cure the whooping-cough. Some days later, Johnny's mother, weeping said to Mrs. Brown, "Twas a chilly day for Johnny when the mercury went down!"

—Author unknown

## Legal Notices

The Planning Board of the Town of Northfield will hold a public hearing on the following proposed By-law on Monday, Feb. 10, at 8 p.m. at the Town Hall.

No person, firm, or corporation shall erect or cause to be erected a building, house or other structure more than 7 ft. in length or breadth or 7 ft. in height or make any addition or alteration more than 7 ft. in length or breadth or 7 ft. in height to any existing building, house or other structure in the Town of Northfield unless the roofs are of a fire resistant construction and a license in writing be granted therefore by the selectmen — for the public good or for necessity.

Said license shall be recorded in the town records.

Where any provisions of this By-law imposes substantial hardship, any person so aggrieved may appeal to the Board of Appeals for a variance therefrom in accordance with Sec. 30 of Chap. 40 of the General Laws.

A penalty of \$20 shall be imposed for the violation of the above By-law.

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## Pioneer Regional High News

All students worked very hard last week studying for mid-year exams and now that those exams are over most of us have heaved a sigh of relief. The next event to look forward to will of course be report cards which Mr. Leonard has announced will be distributed either tomorrow or Monday. Next week we announce names of those members of the student body who are on the honor roll.

Following mid-year exams last Friday night the senior class held its second dance in the gym. The dance was very well attended and a profit of about \$140 was realized. This sum has been added to the fund for the trip to Washington which the seniors hope to take in April.

Mr. Leonard declared Wednesday as dress-up day. This was planned for several reasons, among them being that principals of the Franklin-Hampshire district were holding a meeting at our school and also a policy of trying to improve the appearance and spirit of our student body. Everyone looked nice in his best clothes. Many boys wore white shirts, ties and suits while many girls wore suits, their Sunday-best dresses and nylons. This created a fine atmosphere.

Duane Pierce, shop teacher, is ill this week with the flu. The students in his classes have study halls instead. Mr. Cook, Mr. Upham and Mrs. Janet Young also absent.

Mrs. Sullivan was in Boston Tuesday on business and Mrs. Phelps from Greenfield was her substitute.

Last week Mrs. Hammond of the home economics department started a chefs' club which attracted quite an enrollment. Classes will be held two days a week. On Monday the following boys attended class: Britt Seager, Curt Shine, Lewis Starkey, Dave Billings, Ted Gibson, Lee Kemp, James Dresser, Chester Kugler and John Fleming. On Thursdays an entirely different group which includes Albert Hubbard, Mike Sloan, Rodney Chamberlin, Richard Leach, George Day, Irving Bassett, David Britton, John Morgan and Sherwood Lenois, attended class. We wish all these the best of luck with their cooking in their attempts to learn to keep bachelors' quarters.

The girls' basketball team played another game Tuesday afternoon at the Pioneer gym with the girls' basketball team from Amherst. Both teams fought hard but Amherst won by a fairly wide margin. A J.V. game was not played because many players were out of action.

Linda Streeter, Jessie Skinner and Betty Ware were unable to play.

Our boys went to Frontier Tuesday but had bad luck. The varsity lost by a score of 65 to 39 and the junior varsity lost by a score of 46 to 44 in three overtime periods.

Wednesday we had three seniors from the University of Massachusetts visit our school. They will come once a week until March 31 to observe classes and gain information on teaching. After March 31 they will come to Pioneer every day for seven weeks to actually teach classes.

These university students are: Ann Bigelow, a major in social studies, who will teach Mr. Trumhull's classes; Anthony Carpenito, also a major in social studies, who will teach Mr. Upham's classes in American history, problems of democracy and social studies; Richard Joslyn, a major in math, who will teach math classes under Miss Lawley, Mrs. Ruth Young and Kenneth Cook.

Last evening a \$50 savings bond was awarded to Miss Marianne Smith who won the Franklin county voice of democracy contest in Greenfield. This contest was supported by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Miss Smith read her essay entitled "Why I Speak for Democracy" at the Weldon hotel last night.

Wednesday Pioneer Valley regional played host at a meeting of principals of this area. Twelve attended from the different schools from the Franklin-Hampshire region. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss accreditation under the program of the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

The principals that attended were George Leonard, our own principal, Corridon Track, supervisor of secondary education in Greenfield; George Wrightson, principal of Turners Falls high school; Arthur Watt, principal of Greenfield high school; John McGee, vice principal of Mahar regional school, Orange; John Thompson, principal of Arms academy, Shelburne Falls; Robert Jackman, principal of Charlemon high school; Daniel Alvino, principal of Frontier regional school, South Deerfield; Arthur Scott, principal of Smith academy, Hatfield; Edmund Houle, principal of Williamsburg high school; Joseph Joyce, principal of Sanderson academy, Ashfield and John Millane, supervisor of secondary education, Mass. department of education, Boston.

The following people were neither absent nor tardy during the months of Sept-Jan., grade 12: Carol Gerrish; 11, Marilyn Peryer, Sally Sheldon and Peggy Streetter; 10, Cynthia Grover, Kay Leonard, William Llewellyn and Richard Repeta; 9, Marsha Billings, Carol Joslin, Joyce Martin, William Glabach, Raymond Jackson and John Stacy; 8, Joan Bourbeau, Barbara Field, April Glabach, Judith Howes, Joyce Kervian, Robert Deane, Everett Hurlburt, Carl Smith, Esther Ryther, Joan Streetter and Claire Walbridge; 7, Brenda Billings, Clemma Black, Diane Estabrook, Marjorie Patch, Harry Gonyer, Duane Page, Jerry Scott and Peter Calcart.

The Northfield chapter, DAR, will arrange a special display at Dickinson Memorial library in observance of February as American history month.

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## Center School Honor Roll

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Grade one: Mary Ellen Eastman, James Bartus, James Donnellan, Joann Huber.

Grade two: Dale Delano, Douglas Edson, Joan Bartus.

Grade three: Jane Sanderson, Kelvin Young, Sandra Fuller, Kathleen Griffin, Judith Powers.

Grade four: Richard Griffin, Virginia Brasseur, Deborah Mayberry, Joseph Martus, Dennis Williams, Kathleen Chula, Margaret Gonyer.

Grade five: John Mroczek, Victoria Gonyer, Susan Leonard, Joy Holloway.

Grade six: Ronald Tie, Christopher Sheldon, Howard Maynard, Jonathan Fowler, Jane Abbott, Mary McCollum.

Perfect attendance, January: Kindergarten, Laura Lee Stacy, Susan Holloway, Kerry McCollister, Margaret Tillson, Peggy Stevens, Bryant Deane, Stephen Payne, Stephen Forrest, Christopher Gancarz, Ralph Royce, Paul Spaulding.

Grade one: Beverly Bistrek, Leatha Black, Mary Ellen Eastman, Carol Paine, Judith Persons, Virginia Randall, Heather Remillard, Joanne Smolen, Louise Wheeler, Daniel Arsenault, John Bartus, Thomas Gibson, James Holloway, Michael Leach, David Stone, David Holloway, James Bartus, Timothy Derrig, James Donnellani, Carl Fisher, William Payne, Douglas Smith, Gary Smolen, William Young, Elizabeth Greene, Sandra Holloway, Donna Holloway, Joan Huber, Patricia Wyman.

Grade two: Craig Amsden, Milford Atwood, Edward Boliski, David Brasseur, David Chula, Dale Delano, Douglas Edson, Donald Knapp, John Putala, Richard Schepp, Jeffrey Sliz, Joel Wheeler, Caryn Black, Carol Bolton, Kathleen Huber, Constance Kazanowski, Susan Schryba, Lorraine Tie, Marie Wickey, Kathryn Wood, James Abbey, Samuel Browning, Kit Clark, James Fisher, Thomas Jones, Jon Persons, David Spaulding, Derrell Stratford, Gregory Williams, Richard Howe, Joan Bartus, Geraldine Fritz, Carolyn Stange.

Grade three: Joan Fowler, Arthur Knapp, Clifford Porter, Douglas Reed, James Smolen, Linda Lombard, Linda Randall, Jane Sanderson, Mark Clark, John Dale, Peter Holloway, Gerald Kavanaugh, Brian Rice, Robert Waterman, Kelvin Young, Judith Powers, Rebecca True, Rachel Black, Candace Butler, Sandra Fuller, Kathleen Griffin, Linda Hartwell, Melinde Hatheway, Marlene Leach, Karen Livingstone, Alice Lord.

Grade four: Judith Bistrek, Virginia Brasseur, Deborah Mayberry, Susan McCollister, Judith Mercer,

Kathleen Walbridge, Brenda Stevens, Charles Carey, Richard Griffin, Ralph Hall, Robert Huber, Robert Livingstone, David Rogers, Joseph Bartus, Daniel Browning, James Caron, Gary Clark, Sanford Edson, Thomas Forrest, Dennis Williams, James Schryba, Beverly Black, Kathleen Chula, Carolyn Gibson, Margaret Gonyer, Linda Holloway.

Grade five: Thadd Bistrek, William Forrest, Jr., Frederick Given, John Mroczek, Scott Sanderson, Ronald Wickey, Douglas Moore, Jr., Patricia Butler, Margaret Shula, Mary Hawley, Linda Huber, Jo Ann Krejmas, Mary Tenney, Ethel Walker, Alane Black, Sally Farrar, Victoria Gonyer, Joy Holloway, Susan Leonard, Linda Merrifield, Linda Wood, Ralph Brownin, Michael Edson, Daniel Goodwin, Keith Hall, Norman Phelps.

Grade six: Jane Abbott, Julia Barnes, Marcia Eastman, Sandra Johnson, Elizabeth Matosky, Mary McCollum, Marie Sobieski, Marcia Stacy, Virginia Stacy, Sandra Strotton, James Anderson, Jonathan Fowler, Robert Hartwell, Sheldon, Ronald Tie, Dean Vinten, David Holton, David LaBelle, Howard Maynard, Christopher Raymond Waterman.

## Planning Board Sets Public Hearing Date On Safety By-law

The planning board, at a meeting last week decided to propose the adoption by the town of Northfield of a public safety by-law requiring a permit from the selectmen for any new construction or building addition more than seven foot in any dimension. This will make it possible to assure the use of fire resistant materials where required and to maintain other safe building regulations.

After the meeting Dr. F. Wilton Dean, chairman of the planning board, announced that the board will hold a public hearing on the proposed by-law in town hall at 8 o'clock next Monday evening, Feb. 10. This will enable them to cover the hearing in their report at the annual town meeting on March 4, and to have an article on the proposed by-law included in the warrant for this meeting.

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## N. Coats Named DAR Good Citizen

Miss Nancy Coates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Coates of Bald Mountain Road, Bernardston, has been selected by the members of the senior class and the faculty as the DAR "Good Citizen" at Pioneer Valley Regional School.

Miss Coates has been very active in sports and organizations while a student at Powers Institute and Pioneer Valley Regional School. She is actively participating in her fourth year of all seasonal sports including volleyball, basketball and softball. For two years she has been co-captain in basketball and was captain of the Powers' softball team last spring. She was vice-president of her freshman class, treasurer of her sophomore class and is secretary of the senior class. Last fall she was co-manager of the annual magazine drive. She has been a member of the Glee Club for four years, and was vice-president of the Powers' Glee Club last year. She is a member of the Broadcaster's Club this year and occasionally broadcasts the PVRs weekly news.

Miss Coates is a member of Goodale Memorial Church and its Youth Fellowship and is vice-president of Youth Fellowship. She has been on the honor roll every year while in high school.

Miss Coates is taking the commercial course and plans to follow this type of work after graduation.

## Fortnightly Features Memories of D. Moody

There were 71 present at the Fortnightly meeting Friday afternoon to hear others present tell their memories of Dwight L. Moody, Northfield's most famous son.

The program was in charge of Mrs. Robert L. Wood who introduced the speaker, Mrs. Edward M. Powell, granddaughter of D. L. Moody gave many interesting facts and stories about him. She said 50 books have been written about his life and religion and only one about him as a man. There are 18 of these books available at the Dickinson Memorial Library. She said he has been called the man of his age and the man who "tamed" America — living from 1837 to 1899 and that he was not a minister but a self educated, simple humble layman. She spoke of false rumors, stories about him absolutely untrue and unfortunate misunderstandings concerning him that had been published. He was able to speak at 200 words a minute and besides preaching, founded schools, raised money for orphanages, YMCA's and sailor's homes, was a publisher of books and songs, founded a children's cemetery in Chicago and was a farmer here in Northfield, his home for which he was always homesick.

Mr. Roy R. Hatch, retired Mount Hermon instructor gave a most interesting account of his contacts with Moody. He first

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## St. Patrick's Guild Sponsors Card Party

St. Patrick's Guild will sponsor a public whist party at the Northfield Town Hall on Saturday, Feb. 15 at 8 o'clock. There will be prizes and refreshments also a door prize. This will be the last party before Lent. All are invited to come and have a good time together.

## Chester T. Gaida Is Scholarship Winner

Chester T. Gaida of Northfield, student at Babson Institute, was awarded a scholarship by the Direct Sales Managers Association luncheon meeting at the University Club in Boston.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley H. Gaida, he was graduated from Northfield High School in 1950 and is a distribution major at Babson. He won the scholarship on his essay on "Direct Selling as a Career." The contest was open to all New England college students either majoring in, or having an interest in distribution.

## Cong. PF Plans New York Trip

The Pilgrim Fellowship of the Congregational Church met Sunday evening with 46 members present. Richard Leach led devotions. It was announced that all may go to see the Perry Como show when the group visits New York this spring. Plans were made for a Valentine Party on Feb. 15, Saturday evening from 8 to 11 p.m.

A food sale will be held on Saturday Feb. 15 at the Roy J. Fish Insurance office in East Northfield beginning at 10:30 a.m. Each member is expected to bring something. If they can't take their contribution to the sale call Shirley Kelley. Susan Hammond is food sale chairman. Betsy Edwards, a senior at the Northfield School for Girls, was the guest speaker telling of her summer in Germany with the American Field Service.

The Youth Group of the Unitarian Church held their postponed tobogganing party last Sunday evening, later going to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Billings for a meeting and refreshments. Next Sunday evening they will have a speaker followed by a discussion.

## Supper Planned For February 22

The Parish Committee of the Unitarian Church will serve a public supper at the town hall on Saturday evening Feb. 22 at 6 o'clock. Swedish meat balls will be the featured menu item. Tickets will be on sale at the Northfield Pharmacy, and by Mrs. Joseph G. Morgan and Mrs. Lewis D. Shine.

## Grange Votes Gift To Polio, Heart Funds

The Northfield Grange at their meeting Tuesday evening voted donations to the Polio fund and the Heart Fund. An announcement was made of the meeting of the Connecticut Valley Pomona Grange in Montague on Feb. 24, when it will be "Talent Night" in charge of the subordinate lecturers. Members of Windham County Pomona and Saxons River Pomona will be invited guests.

The Home and Community Service Committee will put on the Blue and Gold Cub Scout supper the evening of Feb. 27 at 6:15.

A 25 year membership certificate was presented to Mrs. Ida Morse.

After next meeting Feb. 25 the Grange will go to meet at Woolman Hill in Deerfield leaving the Grange Hall at 7 o'clock.

Visiting Grangers were from Montague, Shelburne, Amherst, Whately, Bernardston and Keene, N. H. A program was put on by

## Unofficial Vote Shows Small Majority Favoring Planning Board's By-law



Chester T. Gaida was the recipient of a cash gift for his essay on "Direct Selling as a Career." Mr. Gaida is a distribution major at Babson Institute of Business Administration.

## Kiwanis Club and Boy Scouts Observe Annual Charter Night

Boy Scout Charter Night was celebrated by the Kiwanis Club recently with a dinner meeting at Pioneer Valley Regional school.

Members of St. Patrick's Guild served the 63 Kiwanians, Boy Scouts, Edward Bluit, district executive from Greenfield; Donald McColester, neighborhood commissioner; Winthrop Sanderson, scoutmaster; Howard Call, Robert Remillard and Francis Messer, assistant scoutmasters, and Gilbert Stacy, explorer advisor.

Eagle Scout Richard Maynard was given recognition for his rank by Pres. Charles Llewellyn and the Kiwanians and scouts present.

The charter was presented Dr. Ansel B. True as the Kiwanis representative. Dr. True expressed

his admiration for the scout movement and urged all scouts to live up to the scout oath and law.

Bluit congratulated the Kiwanis Club for honoring the scouts with a dinner meeting. "Troop 9 is a fine troop. Boy Scouting in Northfield is on the upswing because the Kiwanis Club of Northfield has assumed the sponsorship. It was a well - rounded troop committee and has fine leadership."

The scouts presented a skit in the form of a television show to demonstrate the procedure for carrying on a camping trip. Taking part were David Sargent, announcer; Ronald Jordan, reporter; Dana Caldwell, Mayberry and Sonny Howe, scouts. Group singing followed.

## Evening Alliance Votes Donations

At the meeting of the Evening Alliance of the Unitarian Church last week the group voted to give to the March of Dimes \$5, to the Heart Association \$5, to the United Unitarian appeal \$15 and for flowers for the church \$10; made preliminary plans for the annual rummage sale to be held on Sat. March 29 beginning at 10 a.m.; and for a food sale on June 28.

There were 16 members present to hear Mrs. Eleanor Schouler speak on the social service work that is being done.

## Handicraft Exhibited At Talcott Library

An unusual display of handicraft projects created by Mrs. Constantine George of Northfield will be exhibited in the Art Room of Talcott Library at Northfield School for Girls between February 7 and 25. Dolls fashioned from hay and newspapers, knitting done without needles, and weaving produced on homemade looms from hand spun yarn are just a few of the projects showing her many and varied skills. The public is invited to view this handicraft.

## "Heart Sunday" Drive Scheduled Feb. 22

Sunday Feb. 23 is "Heart Sunday". One of your neighbors will call on you between 1 and 4 o'clock that afternoon for your contribution.

There are no shortcuts in the fight against heart disease, this nation's leading cause of disability and death. Heart disease will be brought under control only through more medical research, more education and expanded community heart programs. While much is already done to save hearts and lives, millions of hearts wait for tomorrow's discoveries. Do your share in the fight against heart disease by giving to your Heart Fund. Help your HEART FUND help your heart.

## COUPLES CLUB

The Couples Club of the Northfield Baptist Church meet on Saturday evening at the church at 7:30. After the business meeting they enjoyed Kodachrome slides of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia shown by Lee Kennedy of Athol. There were 13 present and refreshments were served.

The hearing held by the planning board on the proposed by-law for the Town of Northfield concerning licenses for new building construction or addition to or alterations of present buildings last evening was most interesting and informative.

Dr. F. Wilton Dean, chairman of the board presided at the meeting which was attended by about 75 persons. As a result of information given by members of the board who were all present, and answers to questions from the floor these points in favor of the proposed action were noted. The town is in need of some protective by-laws, which would give the selectmen a basis for a approval or disapproval of requests for building. The law does not allow regulation for certain section of the town unless zoning has been accepted by the town therefore any by-law would have to include all parts of the town whether residential or farming areas. Such a by-law might keep itinerant families from obtaining a legal residence here to the advantage of our welfare costs. The fire resistant roof required on buildings would prevent the use of wood shingles, which are very seldom used now, and so add to community safety from fire.

Any sort of a building or addition to or alteration of a building more than 7 ft. in length and breadth or 7 ft. in height would require a license from the selectmen.

If such a license is refused the  
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## Fellowship Is Host To Good Neighbors

The Stateline Fellowship of the Advent Christian Church was host to the Good neighbors on Monday evening. A supper was served to about 42 by the women of the Unitarian Church in Northfield.

The group then returned to their church where Mrs. Theresa Brungardt of Montpelier, Vt., state recreation leader and her assistant Gerald Cox provided the program.

Mrs. Brungardt said that Vermont was the first in the union to have a state recreation program. She spoke of recreation in relation to the church, identifying the church's important role as one to refresh, revive and renew.

It is as much a part of living as love or food, she said, and it gives people health, strength and joy.

Following her talk, Cox led in motion songs and games. Prizes given the winners. Balloon blowing, lemon rolling and "tic-tac dough" were among the games. Mrs. Evelyn White was at the piano.

## Sewing Shortcuts Learned by Class

There were 9 ladies who attended the Franklin County Extension Service Home group at the home of Mrs. George M. Leonard Thursday evening of last week. Mrs. Marjorie McGillicuddy showed sewing machine short cuts and how to adjust the tension on sewing machines. At the meeting next month the subject will be "Cake Decorating". The date and place will be announced.



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## NORTHFIELD SUNRISE

Could you dreamers but envisage  
Lilac heralding of sunrise  
Over hillside acreage—  
Cross and weathervane a-glow,  
While a white New England village,  
Nestled close against its mountains,  
Wakes in splendor from its sleeping!  
Each Connecticut Valley hamlet  
Sets the scene in duplication.  
Mark you well: the Sun, in peeping  
Down upon the slumbering town,  
Shows no mean discrimination  
'Twixt one church spire and another;  
Even lights the bauble crowning  
The Christmas spruce across the way,  
Thus proclaims it's never frowning  
On any place where people pray.

—Gertrude Churchill Whitney  
Northfield, Mass.  
January 25, 1958

## Church Notes

TRINITARIAN  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
REV. JOSEPH W. REEVES, Minister  
MRS. F. H. MOSSE, Director of  
Christian Education  
IRVING J. LAWRENCE, Choir  
Director

MRS. BELLE MARDEN, Organist  
A Food-Sale, sponsored by the  
Young People of the Pilgrim Fel-  
lowship, is to be held on Satur-  
day, February 15, at the office  
of Roy Fish, East Northfield. The  
sale will start at 10:30 a.m. and  
continue until all the food is sold.

Sunday, February 16, 9:45 a.m.,  
Church School. 11: a.m. Public  
Worship. Sermon subject, "Vita-  
mins for Our Religion." Pre-School  
age children and children of grad-  
es 1-4 attended by students from  
the Northfield School for Girls.

6:30 p.m. Pilgrim Fellowship of  
Young People meeting in the ves-  
try. Jessica Walker will lead de-  
votions. Mr. Reeves will speak on  
"Ways of Observing Lent."

George Payne and his commit-  
tee will serve the Brotherhood  
supper on Tuesday at 6:30. Guest  
and Speaker will be Mr. Paul W.  
Bittner of the First National  
Bank and Trust Company, Green-  
field.

The following Women's Guild  
Group meetings will be held this  
week at 8 p.m. Group VI will  
meet on Wednesday at the home  
of Mrs. Donald McColester; Mrs.  
Ona Briggs will be the speaker.  
Group II will meet on Thursday  
at the home of Mrs. Edgar Liv-

ington; Mrs. Briggs the speaker.  
Group IV will meet with Mrs.  
James Gillespie; Mr. Reeves to  
speak.

The World Day of Prayer Ser-  
vice for the church women of  
Northfield will be held in the  
Trinitarian Congregational Church  
on Friday at 2:30 p.m. Several  
Northfield Church Women will  
participate in the leadership of  
the service.

## NORTHFIELD UNITARIAN CHURCH

CHARLES D. MOORE, Minister  
MRS. L. P. GOODSPEED, Organist  
and Choir Director  
RAY A. KNAPP, Church School  
Superintendent

Sunday, 9:45 a.m. worship ser-  
vice, sermon topic, "Segregation  
and the South".

Church School 9:45 Classes for  
all ages.

7 p.m., Youth Group - 7 p.m.  
Discussion on "The Origin of the  
Bible."

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per at the Town Hall.

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10:30, Sunday morning mass.

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smorgasbord supper in the church  
hall Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.  
A most delicious variety of foods  
will be served by Dick Vielmetti.

Ed Luciw, Frank Rockwell, Chet  
Wollender and John Green.

The Holy Name membership  
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membership drive and anyone  
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ship should contact a member.

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WHAI.

10 a.m.—Sunday school. Mrs.  
William Messer, superintendent.

11 a.m.—Morning worship with  
sermon.

Nursery and junior church at  
same hour.

6:30 p.m.—Young People.

7, pre-evening service prayer.

7:30 evening evangelistic hour

Tuesday, 7 p.m., Bible study.

Thursday evening, "Hour of  
Power" at 7:30.

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Superintendent

Saturday evening, Feb. 15, a  
Valentine party for the young peo-  
ple at the home of Mrs. Marcy.

Sunday, 10:30-11:30, a.m., Sun-  
day school.

11:30-12:30 p.m., worship serv-  
ice.

3:30 service at Bronson's Nurs-  
ing Home.

6:15 p.m., Young Peoples.

7:30, Evening service.

## FOOD SALE PLANNED

The Pilgrim Fellowship of the  
Congregational Church is conduct-  
ing a food sale at the Roy J. Fish  
Insurance office in East North-  
field Saturday morning beginning  
at 10 o'clock. Susan Hammond is  
chairman of the committee in  
charge.

## CARD PARTY BENEFIT

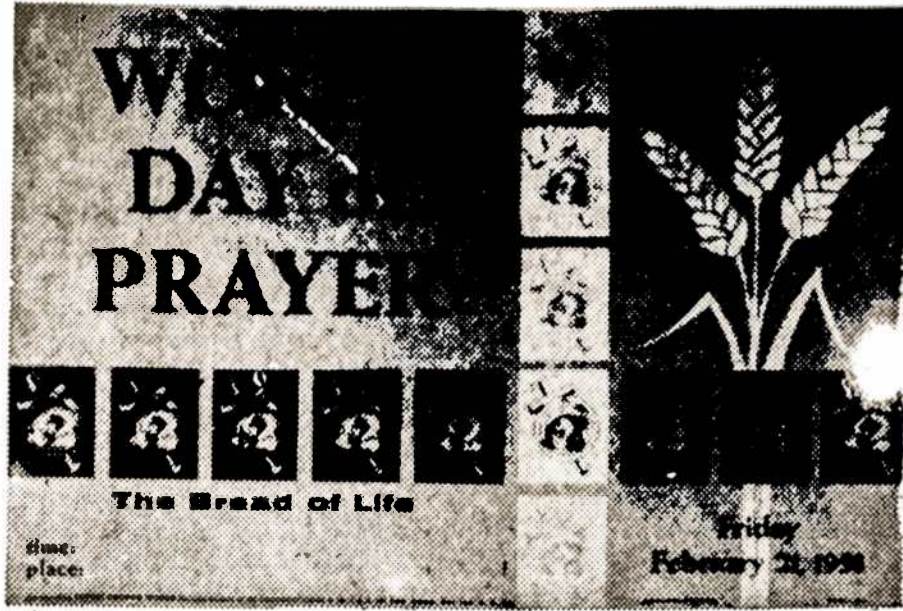
The annual polio benefit card  
party is being held at Montague  
Center at the school Saturday  
evening, Feb. 15 at 8 o'clock. There  
will be card prizes and door prizes  
galore. The affair is jointly spon-  
sored by all Montague organiza-  
tions. Refreshments will be served.

## GRANGE VOTES GIFT

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the visitors. These guests spoke  
briefly: Edward O Moore, deputy  
from Deerfield Valley Pomona  
Grange; Norma Bardwell Con-  
necticut Valley Pomona, Flora  
who was making an official vis-  
itation; Bruce Cromack of Shel-  
burne; Richard Annear, master of  
Montague Grange and Dorothea  
Clemons, lecturer of Bernardston  
Grange.

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## Dickinson Library Notes

Mrs. Florence Phelps, Librarian

March 16-22 has been designated  
as National Library Week, and  
plans are being made for a special  
observance in our library. A citi-  
zens committee has been formed  
consisting of: Mrs. Dana W. Lea-  
vis, chairman; Mrs. Henry Pres-  
cott, Mrs. Alvin Scott, Mrs. Ar-  
nold Haack, Mrs. David Hammond  
and Mrs. Stanley Bistrek. This  
committee will work in coopera-  
tion with the librarians. Tentative  
plans for an Open House to be  
held on Wednesday, March 19,  
have been made and approved by  
the board of trustees.

The purpose of National Lib-  
rary Week is to encourage the  
reading of more and better books,  
and to stimulate interest in lib-  
raries and their activities.

## Exhibit on Lincoln

February is American History  
Month. A fine collection of Lin-  
colniana is on display at the lib-  
rary until Saturday, Feb. 22, by  
a local exhibitor. There is a framed  
copy of the front page of the  
New York Herald for Saturday,  
April 15, 1865, which contains a  
two-column account of the assass-  
ination of the President; copies  
of the Boston Daily Evening Trav-  
eler from July 1 through Decem-  
ber, 1863; also a framed copy of  
the front page of Harper's Week-  
ly for May 26, 1860, with a picture  
of Gov. Lincoln as Republican  
candidate for President.

The collection includes fifteen  
framed photographs of Lincoln  
and an album containing over a  
hundred photographs of Lincoln in  
public life. Another album con-  
tains over sixty photographs of  
monuments which have been  
erected to his memory in the  
United States. The exhibitor also  
has an album showing monuments  
which have been erected to the  
Great Emancipator in foreign  
countries.

Be sure to see this most un-  
usual collection when visiting the  
library.

Next week Wednesday, Feb. 19,  
Miss Gwendolyn Vannah, chil-  
dren's specialist at the Regional  
Library Center, Greenfield, will be  
at the library for a Story Hour  
at 11:15 a.m. and also at 1:15  
p.m. Children from the kinder-  
garten classes at the Center  
School under the direction of Miss  
Smithers, will be guests for the  
Story Hour.

The library will be closed all  
day on Saturday, Feb. 22, Wash-  
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## Social and Personal News Notes of the Northfield Area

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George Marcelle of Quonset, R. I., air base has been visiting his aunt, Mrs. George Loos in Princeton, N. J. He expects to leave soon for five weeks in Cuba and on a Mediterranean cruise next summer.

The Fortnightly will meet in Alexander Hall at 2 p.m. for a coffee hour on Friday, not at the usual time of 3 p.m.

The Congregational Church has installed a telephone, 2270, in the church parlor.

Those wishing to attend the Boston Flower Show will please notify Mrs. Raymond Parentau. Other surrounding towns annually join in this pilgrimage. The show runs from March 9 to 15. Mrs. Parentau must know not later than Feb. 19 of any reservations to be made. Northfield and Millers Falls have contracted for a bus for the trip, March 12.

Today the Mt. Hermon Jump is being used as part of the holiday program. Last Monday afternoon Norman Carpenter, 17, of Greenfield was seriously hurt after a fall on this jump. He had completed the jump, slipped, fell backward and injured his head. He is a member of the Deerfield Academy team.

Young people of the Baptist Church plan to entertain between 60 and 70 youths for their annual Winter Weekend Party, Friday through Sunday. Winter sports will be centered at Pine Top, across the river from Northfield in South Vernon. Meals will be served in the town hall. The youths will range in age from

Grade 7 through college age.

Each Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. the Franklin County Red Cross swimming classes are held in the gymnasium of The Northfield School for Girls. Forty students have enlisted. Some of the local women attending are: Myrie Bigelow, Jessie Hyde, Helen Podlenski, Elizabeth Bolton, Jean Overdorf, Margaret Wyman, Gloria Gancarz.

In last Sunday's *Boston Herald* there was a picture of the painting done by the artist Ken Gore in his lecture in the town hall last October. It is on exhibit in Boston.

The Harrison Stacys have returned to their West Northfield home after spending two weeks with Mrs. W. R. Moody, while Mrs. J. Johnson was on vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shipha have moved from the Ernest Dunklee place on the west side of the river to an apartment in the Northfield postoffice block.

The Northfield graduate who has tied 15 times on the TV program 'Tic Tac Dough' and has never missed a question yet, is Pat Vars Nance. On the Thursday evening show she received a telegram of congratulations and backing from General Gruenther.

This evening Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Rubendall are giving a reception for Dr. and Mrs. Edmond S. Meany at their home on Hermon Hill. The faculty of both schools are invited. This is to celebrate the appointment of Dr. Meany as headmaster of the girls school.

The January Bulletin of the Northfield Schools brings good news of Todd Duncan who severed his spinal cord in a wrestling match two years ago. He is in a wheel chair and taking two courses at the University of Louisville and one course by correspondence with the University of Indiana. He hopes to enter Brown University next year.

Mrs. William Bolman is just returning home after three weeks spent with the Effings in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Her weather report ("awful") is similar to others drifting back to Northfield which is having typical winter weather. Mrs. A. Dennett, mother of Mrs. Howard Rubendall, who went to Florida at the end of November, has felt the Florida cold, too.

Charles Field and Fred Avery, who are at the Bainbridge radio

school, came home for the weekend.

The Unitarian Youth group had a toboggan party at The Northfield Hotel and then returned to the home of Mrs. Glenn Billings, their leader, for refreshments.

Mrs. Axel Forslund is entertaining The Girl Scout Neighborhood Meeting for Gill, Turners Falls, Bernardston and Northfield next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Charles Leach will have an art studio in the rear of his home in the apartment recently vacated by Mrs. Lula Smith and her stepdaughter, Miss Helen Smith, at 70 Main St.

Horace Field, town clerk, took the 4-H Forestry and Conservation group to Bents Pond to observe a beaver dam, last Saturday.

On Wednesday night Mrs. Harry McDonald and family flew across the Atlantic Ocean; Thursday night they spent in Holland; the Aramco plane refueled in Rome; they had breakfast in Beirut, Lebanon on Friday and on Saturday, Mrs. McDonald's birthday, she telephoned from Dhahran, Saudi Arabia to say that they had reached home safely.

On Feb. 13 some of the students at The Northfield School for Girls will hold a Valentine party for little children in East Northfield in the vestry of the Trinitarian Congregational Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross L. Spencer have returned from their Florida vacation.

One-tenth of the girls in The Northfield School for Girls are doing rural work in churches in Massachusetts, Vermont and Hinsdale. Miss Susan Roberts in the Bible department of the school brought six of these girls to The Homestead on Saturday to speak to the Franklin County Northfield Club.

The following articles are desired for the rummage sale the Girl Scouts will hold March 1 at The Little House: clothes, toys, books and sports equipment for young people through high school age. Gifts may be left in East Northfield at the home of Mrs.

### Unofficial Vote Shows...

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applicant may appeal to an appeal board to be named by the selectmen to consider each individual case. This by-law does not give any authority concerning the usage of buildings in existence. Such a by-law can be passed by a majority vote of the town and then must be approved by the State Attorney General.

Several good citizens were of the opinion that a by-law of this kind interfered with the rights of a citizen of a free country and many felt that it did not go far enough, that a building code or zoning was the answer to the problem. It was stated that it would take from 3 to 5 years for the town to adopt a complete zoning plan and that this by-law would give some method of control to the selectmen until that goal could be reached.

An unofficial show of hands showed a small majority in favor of the acceptance of the by-law.

The members of Northfield Planning Board are F. Wilton Dean, ch., Agnes Hammond, sec., L. Percy Goodspeed, A. Gordon Moody and Harvey H. Hatheway.

It was felt that a much larger number would have been present if it had not been for other meetings being held that evening—the PTA, the Fish & Game Assn., Kiwanis, Boy Scout Charter Night and the State Line Fellowship ladies night.

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Paul Thompson and Mrs. Ralph Livernoise and in Northfield at Mrs. Leslie Martin's and Mrs. Harvey Hathaway's. There will be house to house solicitation Feb. 26 and 27. The money will go toward the cost of the new oil burner.

On Wednesday evening there will be a program giving information about jewelry, its care, selection and use at St. Patrick's Guild meeting at that church.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Brassor and their three children have moved from 30 Main St. to the home they recently purchased in Kidder Court.

In the January issue of The Northfield Schools Bulletin there is a photograph of Rev. Lawrence L. Durgin, son of Mrs. Russell Durgin of Glenwood Ave. It accompanies the sermon which he gave at the close of the 64th Girls' Conference which was started by Mrs. W. R. Moody.

Miss Alice E. Cary, a graduate of the class of 1911 at The Northfield Seminary, will speak at 2 p.m. Friday at the Goodale Memorial Church in Bernardston. This is one of the three meetings a year held by the Franklin District, Congregational Women. Mrs.

### Fortnightly Features...

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knew him in Ohio and Chicago before coming to Mount Hermon. He told many intimate stories and showed many pictures of Mr. Moody.

Mrs. L. Lounier Drury was a student at the Northfield Seminary the last 4 years of Mr. Moody's life and had many personal reminiscences to tell of her contact with him.

Mrs. Vernon P. Squires read from a North Dakota paper a 50 year old account of one of his meetings in that her home state.

Mr. Philip Porter called Mr. Moody his friend and knew him well. Mrs. L. Percy Goodspeed and Mrs. Wood told stories about him that had been told to them a long time ago.

There were 14 present who had known Dwight L. Moody before his death 59 years ago.

Irving J. Lawrence sang several songs, favorites of Moody and Ira Sankey, his song leader. The audience joined in some of the hymns.

There was a most interesting display of his letters, pictures and other articles which belonged to him. Also a brown velvet coat and vest and light tweed trousers worn by him.

Mrs. Ross L. Spencer, president, presided at the meeting. The invocation was given by Mrs. Clifford Field who spoke of Moody's prayers briefly.

The local club received an invitation for a guest night from the Deerfield Women's Club on February 13, at 8:30 in the Memorial Building at Deerfield Academy. There will be a music program featuring Marie Gregoire.

The coffee hour preceded the meeting with Mrs. Fred Doolittle and Mrs. Henry Prescott pouring, the committee: Mrs. Ralph Sargent, Mrs. Dana Leavis, Mrs. Fred Smith and Mrs. Philip Mann. Mrs. Carroll Miller was hostess at the door.

At the next meeting on Feb. 28, Dr. Raymond A. Kinmonth will speak on "Mental Deficiency."

Russell Durgin will lead the devotional service. Both women have lived for many years in Japan, which will be the topic for the afternoon.

On Saturday, Feb. 8, Lt. Brian Stompe flies from England and hopes to reach the home of his fiancée, Miss Susan Seagraves, in Appleton, Wis., on Sunday, the 9th. Their wedding was planned for Feb. 12. Miss Seagraves is a student at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. Lt. Stompe graduated from Colby College and was commissioned there, and then went into the Air Force. His parents live at 134 Main St., Northfield.

Thomas Parker is in the Brattleboro Hospital but expects to come to the Hart Home in East Northfield on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Haan of North Troy, N. Y., spent last weekend here. They own a home on the Ridge.

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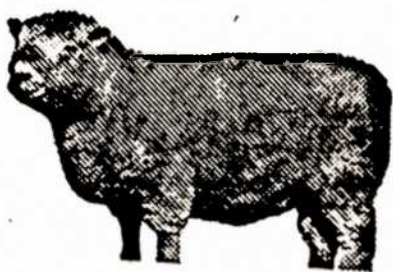
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## Pioneer Regional High News

Nancy Coats, a member of the senior class, has been chosen as D.A.R. representative. She was chosen by the members of the senior class and the faculty at Pioneer Valley. Nancy has also received word that she passed the civil service written exam with a percentage of 92.12. Saturday she will go to the High School of Commerce in Springfield to take a typing test for a civil service position after graduation.

Duane Pierce, shop teacher, has returned to school after being ill for more than a week with the flu. Mrs. Mary Sullivan, commercial teacher, has also returned to school after her trip to Boston where her husband underwent a serious heart operation at Baker Memorial Hospital.

Sewing classes for the home economics groups will start next week under the direction of Mrs. Eugene Hammond. This will be the first time that the sewing rooms have been used. The girls will make such things as aprons, pajamas, and dresses depending on which they choose to do.

In agriculture class, as part of their program, the boys have been busy painting tractors and manure spreaders. They also have just completed two panel boards. Mr. Overdorff reports.

Just in case the casual observer wonders why there are so many chairs and a long table on the stage in the auditorium it is because Mrs. Yeager's speech classes are now engaged in practicing the various forms of public discussion, round table discussion, forum, symposium, and panel. If you were to visit the school auditorium you would find various groups of the speech classes sitting at chairs and tables on the stage discussing current topics of interest in the educational, scientific, and entertainment world. During the past week each class has divided into four panels and some of the topics are:

The problems involved in our missile program; Is the high school diploma an adequate measure of achievement?; The motion picture industry has problems to solve; The grading system; Poor or good school spirit; Problems of juvenile delinquency, and Medical care for everyone.

Each panel chooses a chairman who states the topic for discussion, introduces the speakers, keeps peace generally among the members of the panel and sums up the conclusion when the panel is over.

The Arms Academy girls basketball team traveled to Pioneer last Tuesday for another battle against the Pioneer girls team. The game was an even fight all

the way with the Arms girls downing Pioneer by a score of 29-27. Marilyn Porter led the Pioneer girls with 17 points.

The Arms J. V. also was victorious over the Pioneer J. V.

The system for checking orders in the cafeteria has been completely revised at Pioneer Valley Regional. The old system of using varied colored "tokens" has finally disappeared. Here to replace this system is a list given each teacher at the beginning of the school day which contains the names of all students in his or her homeroom. The homeroom teacher then checks off the student's name on this list as she or he indicates a desire for lunch for the day. This list thus completed is given to the check-out girls at the lunch counter where they check off the various students as they pass in line. This system it is hoped will save considerable time in procuring lunches.

The senior class under the able direction of Miss Lawley, has chosen a play which they plan to present around the end of March. The name of the play is "Something Borrowed, Something Blue" and it was written by Amos Wilton and published in Boston by Baker's plays. "Something Borrowed, Something Blue" has a cast of eleven, three males and eight females. Tryouts will be held as soon as the copies of the play arrive.

Proceeds from the play will help to defray expenses of the seniors' Washington trip in April.

Several members of the senior class are making plans for next year. Charlotte Marcotte, David Streeter and Ellen Sullivan, all members of the senior class took college board exams Saturday.

Charlotte Marcotte has been accepted at the University of Mass., where she will major in psychology. Charlotte hopes to become a social worker.

Again this Wednesday we were privileged to have with us four students from the University of Massachusetts, as practice teachers. Richard Joselyn, a mathematics major, is an observer in Miss Lawley's classes; Marilyn Tilton, a home economics major, attends Mrs. Hammond's classes; Anthony Carpenito and Ann Bigelow, social studies majors have been observing the classes of Mr. Upham and Mr. Trumbull. Soon these practice teachers will take over the classes for a period of seven weeks.

### HONOR ROLL

It is evident that quite a few of our students have been studying diligently this past marking period for we have thirty-one pupils on the honor roll. Linda Streeter, of grade 10, received all A's. The following students earned a combination of A's and B's or all B's: of grade 7, Gloria Barrett, Doris Deane, Carol Olsen, Nancy Ostrowski, Leslie Pfele, Judith Townsend, Carol Waaser, and Gail Whitnev; of grade 8, Leslie Deane, April Glabach, Gail Leonard, Sandra Peterson; of grade 9, Jonathon Greene, Walter Herrick, and Beverly Phelps; of grade 10, Marilyn Croutworst, Raymond Glabach, Lois Heselton, Jane Pratt, Richard Repeta, Jessie Ann Skinner, Lynne Underwood, and Robert Williams; in Grade 11, Betsy Glazier, Richard Leach, and Margaret Streeter; in grade 12, Nancy Coates, James Dresser, Cora Hurlburt, and Charlotte Marcotte.

At last we can say that our school is nearly done. February 12, 1958 was the first day since the beginning of school that there were no workmen in the building.

A new display case is being built in the lobby of our school. It has a stainless steel frame and the rest of it will be glass. This display case will serve as a place to exhibit trophies, art, and any special display, schoolwork or exhibits loaned to the school. There

## Dr. Purvis Discusses Financing of Schools At Local PTA Meeting

A small number only 23 parents and teachers attended the PTA meeting Monday evening to hear Dr. Albert W. Purvis, dean of the school of education at the University of Massachusetts speak on financing town and regional schools.

He gave many most inspiring and interesting facts about education in this state saying that: "Massachusetts used to be a leader in education. Now we are nowhere near the top. In the last 10 to 15 years, we have dropped from fourth to 17th place in teachers' salaries, from fourth to 25th in the amount spent per pupil and have dropped to 48th in the country in the amount spent for higher education."

This is happening in spite of the fact that the average income in Massachusetts has advanced from 14th place to 10th, so that although the state is getting richer, the state is spending less and less proportionately for education, he said.

The answer for more money for education seems to be for more state aid because the state has a broader base for taxation than have the towns.

School costs are going up even more because of higher building costs. The scarcity of teachers will raise teachers' salaries. Almost 40 per cent of the 1957 graduates of UM going into teaching went to Connecticut because of higher salaries and better housing. The beginning salary in teaching was \$3,800 as compared to \$5,000 in business and engineering.

Dr. Purvis predicted that within 10 years a fairly good proportion of school districts will have summer programs in order to make better use of present building facilities. Also in the near future is a stepped-up program for the students of superior intelligence, he said.

The meeting was conducted by Mrs. Gilbert Stacy, vice-president. Mrs. Hubert Eastman substituted for the secretary and William Butler read the treasurer's report. Mrs. Edward Tie and Mrs. Eastman were elected to the nominating committee. The attendance prize was given to Mrs. Gorzowski's Grade 6.

William Hawley announced the speakers for March and April as Dr. Carlton Woods of Birnam Road and Harold LeVanway, editor of The Recorder-Gazette.

will also be appropriate displays on holidays. This will add considerably to the attractiveness of the lobby.

A faculty meeting was held after school Tuesday. As a result of this meeting, these are two items of particular interest to parents. First, next Tuesday afternoon from 3 to 5:30 p.m., and from 7 to 9 p.m., the faculty will hold an open house for the purpose of meeting with parents to discuss school problems. Secondly, all students who are having difficulties in any subject or who fail to work up to capacity will be required to stay after school for afternoon detention classes. Both programs are aimed at producing a better understanding of school problems and an improved school program.

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## OBITUARIES

### Mrs. Margaret Croteau

Mrs. Margaret (Dube) Croteau, formerly of Montague Road, died this week at the Hart Nursing Home, Northfield, where she had lived nine years.

Born in Canada Sept. 15, 1875, she was the daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Barrie) Dube. She was a member of the Ladies of St. Anne's Sodality, Council St. Elizabeth and St. Anne's Church. She had been married three times.

She leaves five sons, Anthony LaPine of Central Falls, R. I., Edmund LaPine of Turners Falls and Armand, Wilfred and Theodore Lemoine, all of Turners Falls; three daughters, Mrs. Antoinette Emond of Turners Falls, Mrs. Beatrice Greene of Greenfield and Mrs. Victoria Lemoine of Holyoke; 12 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Another daughter, Mrs. Clara McLellan of Greenfield, died Sept. 15, 1951.

Services were held Thursday at 8 a.m. at the McCarthy Funeral Home here with a Requiem Mass

### CD First Aid Class Discusses 'Wounds'

There were 49 present at lesson 5 of the first aid system 11.4 as sponsored by Civil Defense on Tuesday evening. Harold Lord showed the movie "Flash of Darkness". The instructors Mrs. James Goodwin and Mrs. Glenn Billings discussed wounds. Next week the class will study the description, treatment and evacuation of casualties.

### Mrs. Hazel C. Durant

Mrs. Hazel Collins Durant, 54, of Pine Meadow Road, died at Farren Memorial Hospital on Monday, Feb. 10.

She was born March 30, 1903, in Keene, daughter of Herbert D. and Mabel (Thayer) Collins.

Surviving are her mother, Mrs. Mabel Collins of Keene; her husband, William E. Durant; a son, William E., Jr., and daughter, Geraldine, at home, and four sisters, Mrs. Marjorie Banner of Keene, Mrs. Sybil Pease of Winchester, N.H., Mrs. Geraldine Wilson of Washgoule, Wash., and Miss Merle Collins of Keene.

Services will be at the Kidder Funeral Home Friday at 2 p.m. with Rev. Paul Bubar of the Northfield Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in the spring.

at 8:30 at St. Anne's Church. Burial will be in St. Anne's Cemetery, in Turners Falls.

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